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**THE COMPLEX, SOMEWHERE
BENEATH THE NEVADA DESERT.**

...EMERGENCY
GENERATORS
KICKED IN. THAT
MEANS THE LOCKS
SHOULD BE
NEUTRALIZED.

"NEUTRALIZED?"

WOULDN'T
YOU WANT TO BE
LOCKED IN DURING
AN EMERGENCY?

SURE, *FRED*.
IF YOU WANTED
TO BE TRAPPED AND
DIE A WRETCHED
DEATH.

POINT
TAKEN, *DOCTOR
DINKLEY*.

NOW THE
THREE OF YOU
PUT YOUR
SHOULDERS TO
THE WHEEL AND
PUSH!

THE THREE OF
US? WHAT ABOUT
YOU?

I'M A
SCIENTIFIC GENIUS,
MISS BLAKE--I
DON'T DO MANUAL
LABOR.

YOU DO
NOW!

HEY! NO
SHOVING!

COOL YOUR
JETS, YOU TWO!
WE'RE IN TROUBLE
HERE, AN' THE LAST
THING WE NEED
T'BE DOING IS
ARGUING!

MUCH AS I
HATE TO ADMIT
IT, *NORVILLE* IS
RIGHT.

I TOLD
YA, DOC, ALL MY
PALS CALL ME
SHAGGY.

AND I TOLD
YOU--I'M NOT YOUR
"*PAL*," I'M YOUR
BOSS.

"BOSSY" IS
MORE LIKE IT! YOU
REALLY DO ENJOY
TELLING EVERYONE
WHAT TO--

HEY! THE
DOOR...

...IT'S
OPENING!

SHHHPPP

LET'S
HOPE THAT'S
A GOOD
THING.

WHY
WOULDN'T IT
BE?

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**APOCALYPSE
RIGHT
NOW!**

OH, I DUNNO...
MAYBE 'CAUSE YOU
AND YOUR SCIENTIST PALS
UNLEASHED A TOP SECRET
NANITE PLAGUE ON THE WORLD
AND THEN THE WHOLE COMPLEX
WENT DARK AND--

THEN ALL OF
HUMANITY'S BEEN
TRANSFORMED INTO
MINDLESS, OBEDIENT
SLAVES!

LET'S NOT
GET AHEAD OF
THE GAME. IT'S
PROBABLY JUST
A COMPUTER
GLITCH.

RIGHT,
OR IT COULD BE
THE END OF THE
WORLD AS WE
KNOW IT.

OH, MAN, I
REALLY LOVE
THAT SONG.

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SO
IS IT A
GLITCH?

I...THINK
SO.

YOU
THINK?

ALTHOUGH THE
NANITES WERE
DISPERSED MONTHS
AGO, THEY CAN'T BE
ACTIVATED UNTIL EACH
ONE OF THE FOUR
SCIENTISTS IN CHARGE
OF **PROJECT ELYSIUM**
KEYS IN A UNIQUE
PROTOCOL...

...AND
THEY'RE NOT EVEN
IN THE COMPLEX
TODAY!

BUT YOUR
READOUTS
INDICATED THEY
WERE
ACTIVATED!

WHICH
MAKES NO
SENSE!



WITH ALL DUE RESPECT,
DOC, WHAT DOESN'T MAKE
SENSE IS WHY YOU KEPT WORKIN'
FOR THOSE FOUR NUTJOBS
AFTER YOU FOUND OUT THAT THEY
WERE PLANNIN' ON INFECTING
THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE...

...AND THEN
TAKING IT
OVER!



I TOLD YOU BEFORE THAT THE ORIGINAL
INTENT OF THE PROJECT WAS TO WEED
OUT MAN'S BASER INSTINCTS--GREED...
ANGER...VIOLENCE--THUS CREATING
A NEW **GOLDEN AGE**.

WHEN I DISCOVERED THAT
THE **FOUR** HAD ALTERED THE
NANITES TO MAKE THE
POPULATION DOCILE AND
EASY TO MANIPULATE--

--I DECIDED
TO BLOW THE
WHISTLE. THAT'S
WHY I CONTACTED
YOU, MISS BLAKE,
SO THAT WE--

AND THAT'S
ANOTHER THING!
WHY ME? WHY CALL
SOMEONE
WHO HOSTS A LOW-
RATED SHOW ON AN
OBSCURE CABLE
CHANNEL...



...AND NOT
CNN OR THE
NEW YORK
TIMES?

YOU
THINK I HAD
A CHOICE?

THE COMPLEX
HAS EYES EVERYWHERE!
IF I'D REACHED OUT TO
BIG MEDIA, THEY WOULD
HAVE BEEN ONTO ME IN
A HEARTBEAT.



BUT
REACHING OUT
TO THE HOST OF
"DAPHNE BLAKE'S
MYSTERIOUS
MYSTERIES"?
THEY WOULDN'T
CATCH ON TILL
IT WAS TOO
LATE.

SO YOU
CONTACTED ME
BECAUSE I'M A
NOBODY?

WHO WAS ONCE A
SOMEBODY. I FOLLOWED
YOUR WORK BACK WHEN
YOU WERE AN INVESTIGATIVE
REPORTER FOR THE
WASHINGTON POST,
MISS BLAKE...

...AND I NEVER
UNDERSTOOD WHY YOU
ABANDONED A PROMISING
CAREER IN SERIOUS
JOURNALISM...



...FOR THAT
MORONIC TELEVISION
SHOW.

"MORONIC"?
THAT SHOW IS MY
LIFE, YOU ARROGANT
LITTLE--

THIS ISN'T
GOING WELL, IS IT,
SCOOB?

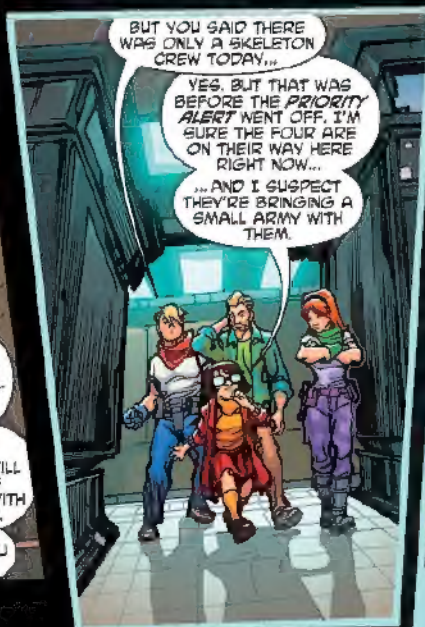
ROPE.



I'D LOVE TO CONTINUE TRADING INSULTS--

GOOD! 'CAUSE I'M JUST GETTING STARTED!

--BUT I NEED TO GET YOU AND YOUR CAMERA-MAN OUT OF HERE. THIS ENTIRE COMPLEX WILL SOON BE CRAWLING WITH SECURITY. AND IF THEY FIND YOU HERE--



BUT YOU SAID THERE WAS ONLY A SKELETON CREW TODAY...

YES. BUT THAT WAS BEFORE THE *PRIORITY ALERT* WENT OFF. I'M SURE THE FOUR ARE ON THEIR WAY HERE RIGHT NOW...

...AND I SUSPECT THEY'RE BRINGING A SMALL ARMY WITH THEM.



UNLESS THE NANITES REALLY WERE ACTIVATED--

IN WHICH CASE, THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF THE PLANET HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED. AND NOT FOR THE BETTER.

BUT IT CAN BE REVERSED, RIGHT, DOC? THEY WOULDN'T HAVE CREATED SOMETHING LIKE THAT WITHOUT COMING UP WITH A WAY TO STOP IT, RIGHT...?

AN EXCELLENT QUESTION, NORVILLE BUT I'M AFRAID YOU WON'T LIKE THE--



--ANSWER?

UH-OH.

'UH-OH' WHAT?

THAT'S KRAMER, OUR CHIEF OF BIOTECH. I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW HE WAS IN TODAY.

YOU ALL KEEP OUT OF SIGHT WHILE I GO TALK TO HIM.



SIGH: THIS IS WHERE WE GET SENT TO GUANTANAMO, ISN'T IT?

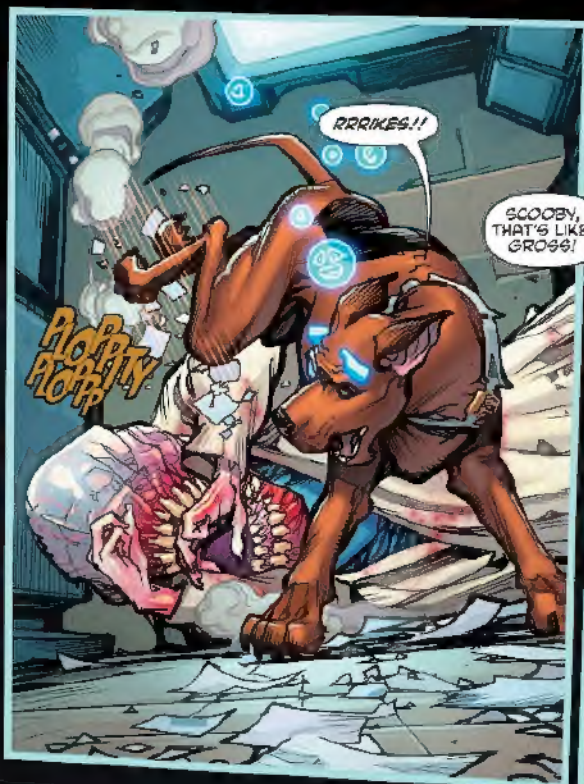
WHAT'S BUGGIN' YOU, BUDDY?



WHY, ERIC, WHAT A LOVELY SURPRISE! I THOUGHT YOU WERE AT THE COMPANY PICNIC WITH EVERYONE ELSE!

MY... UM... SISTER AND HER HUSBAND ARE VISITING FROM CHEBOYGAN AND I'VE BEEN GIVING THEM A TOUR OF THE COMPLEX.

A COMPLETELY AUTHORIZED TOUR, OF COURSE! EVERYTHING ABOVE BOARD AND--







YOUR NANITES AT WORK?

NO, OF COURSE NOT. I TOLD YOU THE RECONFIGURED NANITES WERE INTENDED TO MAKE THE POPULACE DOGIE, NOT TRANSFORM THEM INTO MONSTERS

TELL IT TO THAT POOR GUY WHO HAD HIS INTESTINES RIPPED OUT

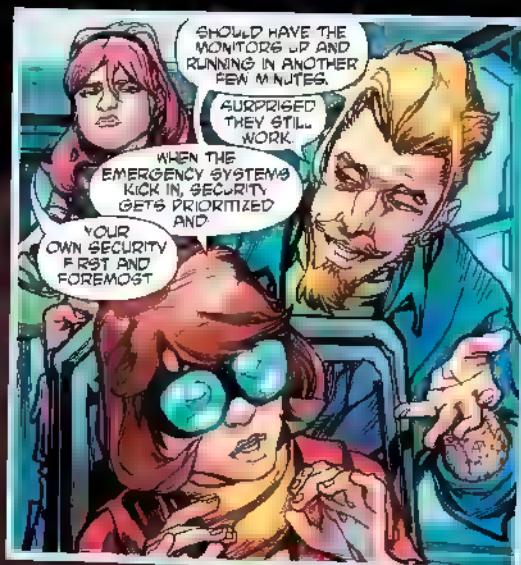


YOU'RE WHITE AS A SHEET, FRED

YEAH, I HAVEN'T GOT NERVES OF STEEL LIKE YOU

IF IT MAKES YOU FEEL ANY BETTER I'M SCARED, TOO. THIS IS WAY BEYOND ANYTHING WE EVER INVESTIGATED ON 'MYSTERIOUS MYSTERIES'

DON'T WORRY, DAPH. WHATEVER'S GOING ON, WE'LL GET THROUGH IT TOGETHER. WE ALWAYS DO.



SHOULD HAVE THE MONITORS UP AND RUNNING IN ANOTHER FEW MINUTES.

SURPRISED THEY STILL WORK.

WHEN THE EMERGENCY SYSTEMS KICK IN, SECURITY GETS PRIORITIZED AND

YOUR OWN SECURITY FIRST AND FOREMOST

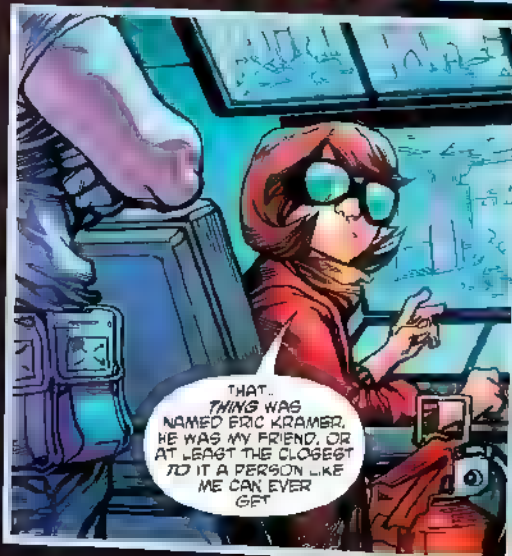


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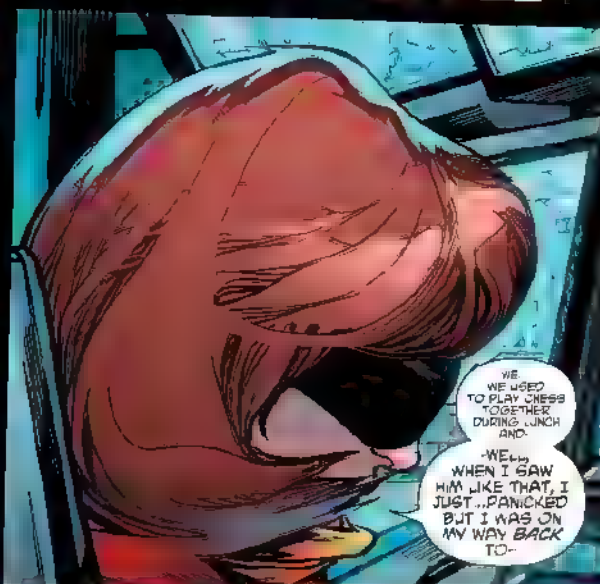
THE SECOND YOU SAW THAT THING, YOU RAN, LEFT US TO DIE AND--

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND.

THEN EXPLAIN IT TO ME

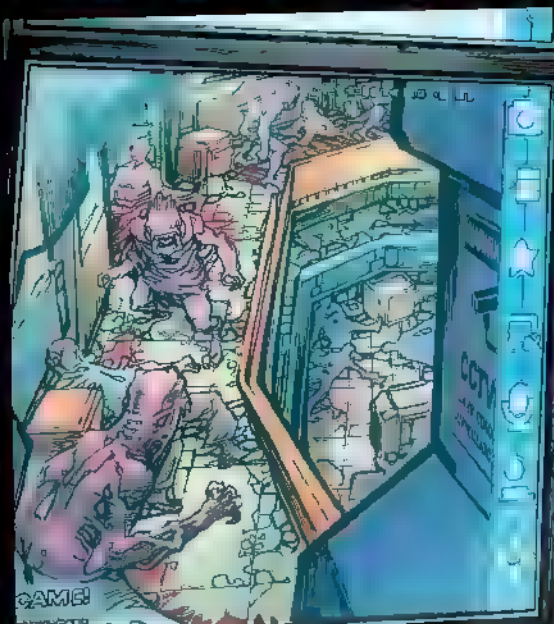
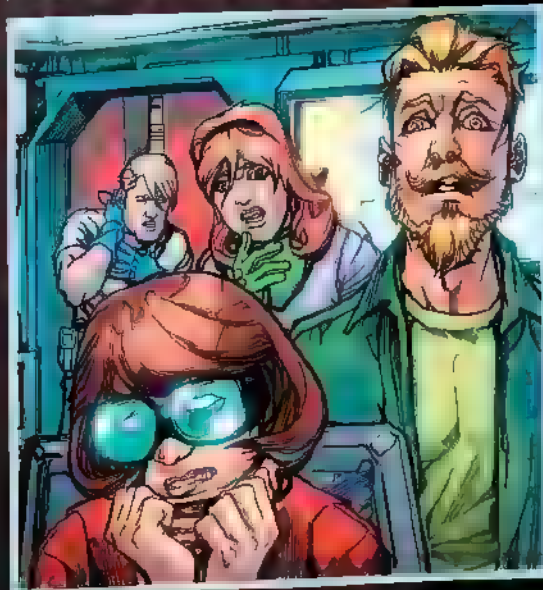
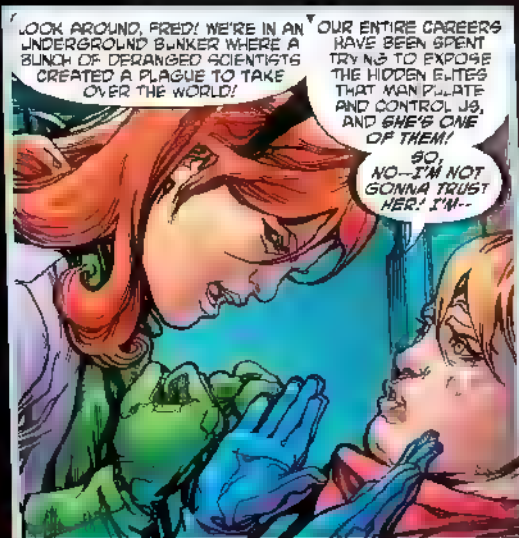


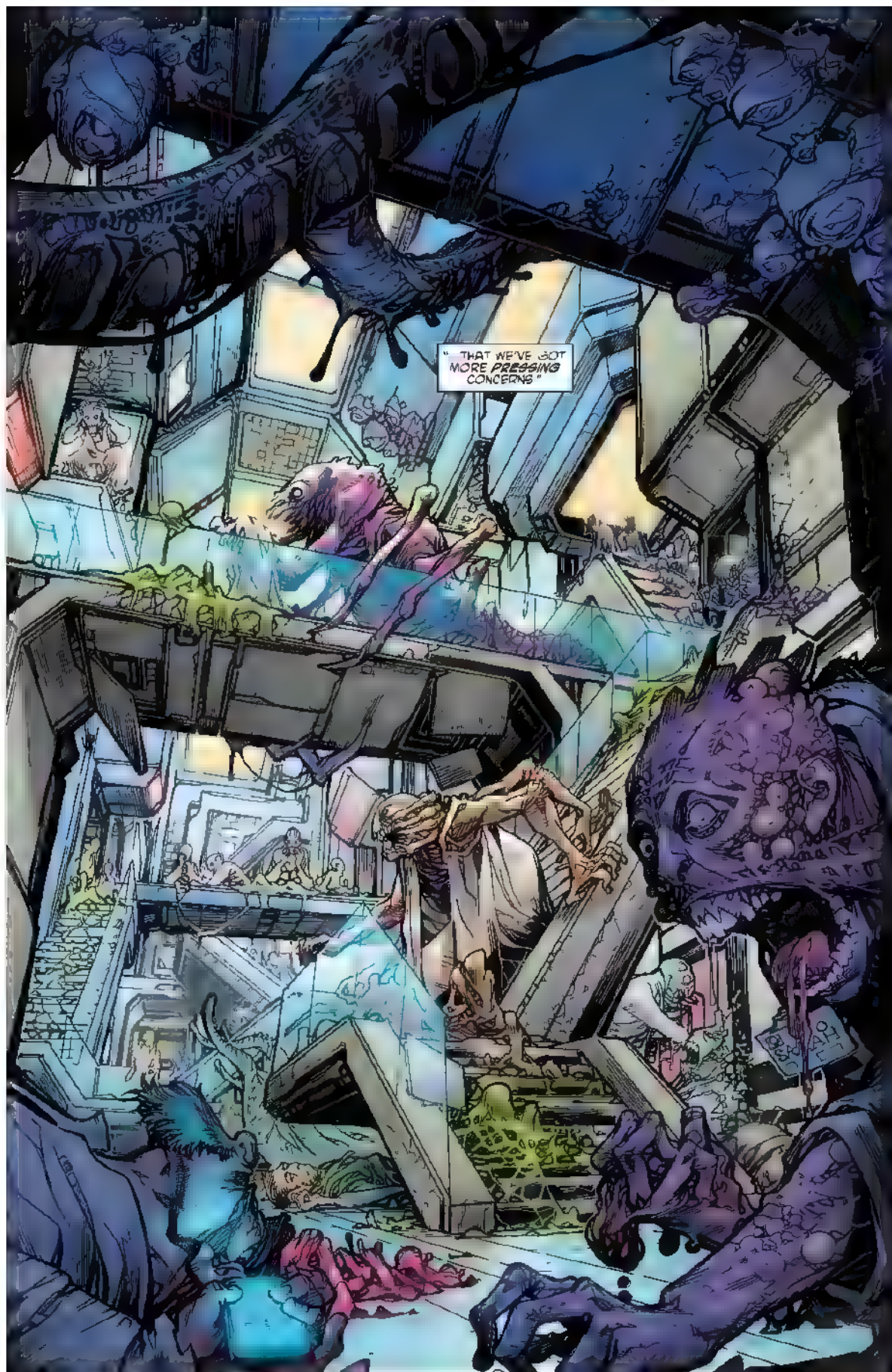
THAT THING WAS NAMED ERIC KRAMER. HE WAS MY FRIEND, OR AT LEAST THE CLOSEST TO IT A PERSON LIKE ME CAN EVER GET

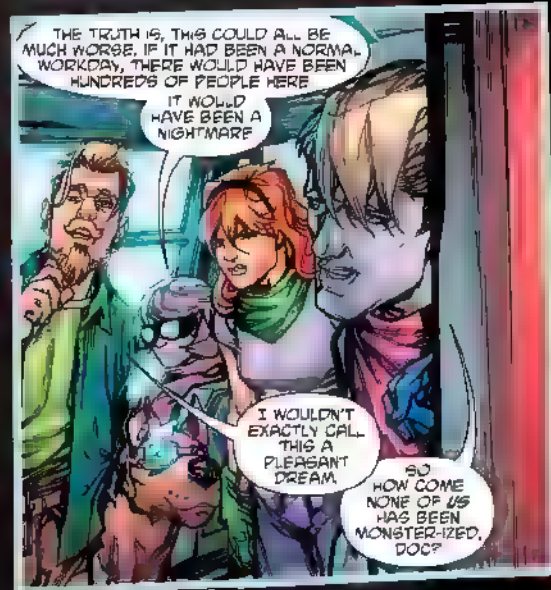
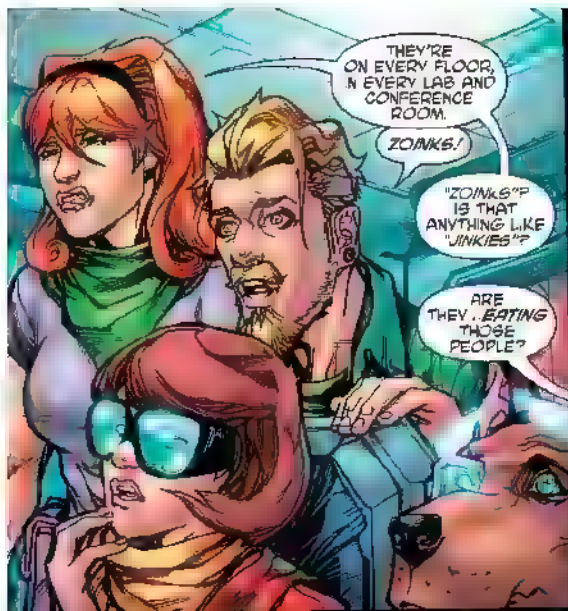


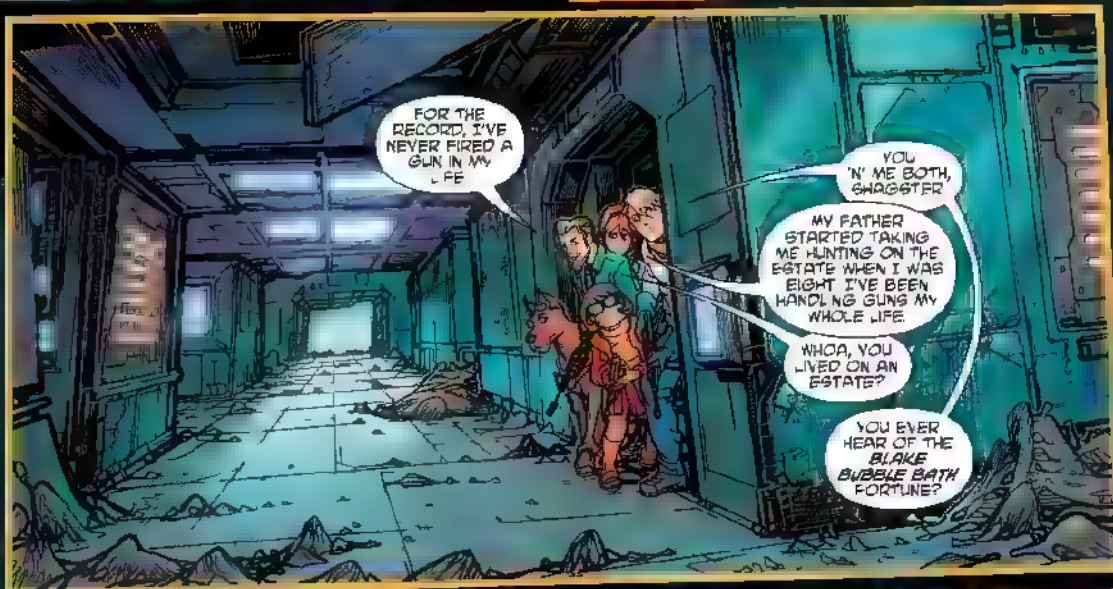
WE USED TO PLAY GAMES TOGETHER DURING LUNCH AND--

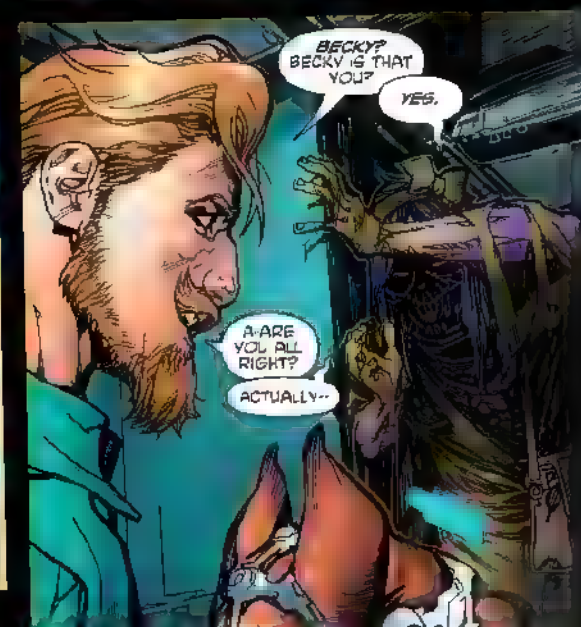
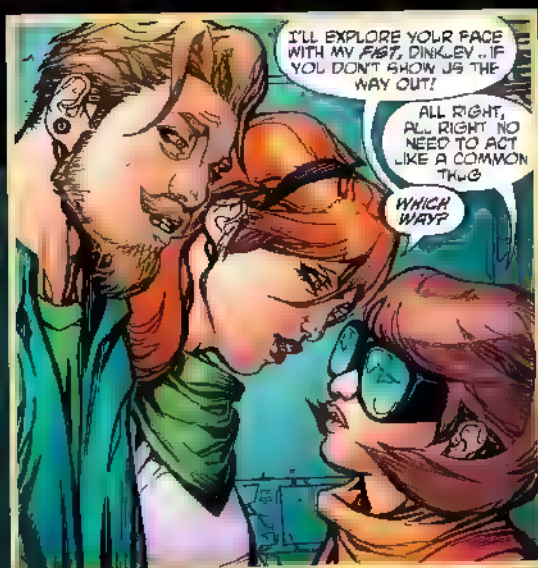
WE-- WHEN I SAW HIM LIKE THAT, I JUST...PANICKED BUT I WAS ON MY WAY BACK TO--



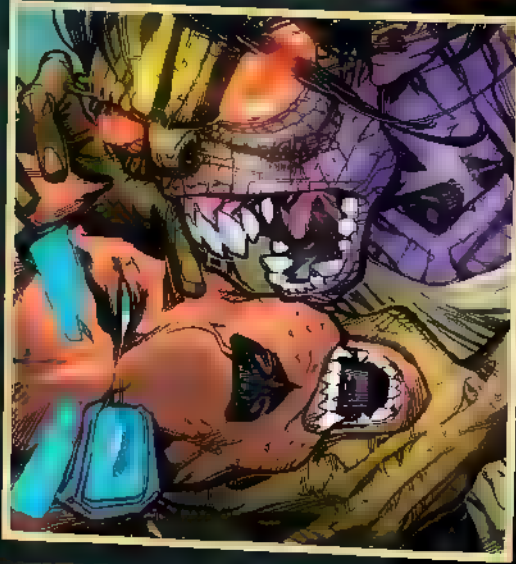


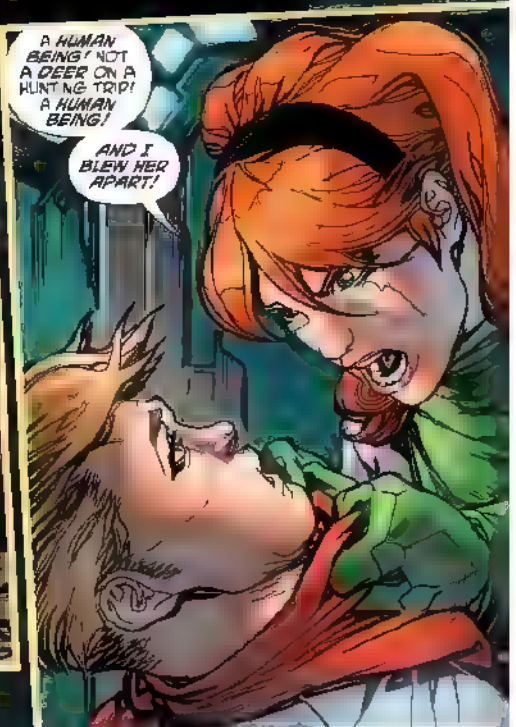


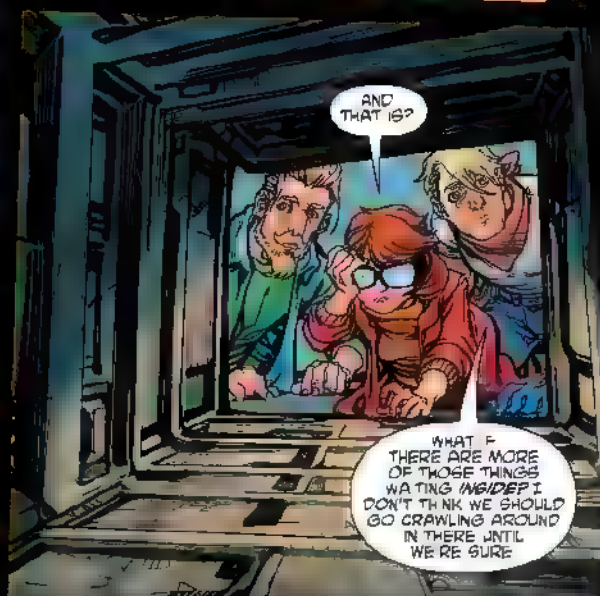
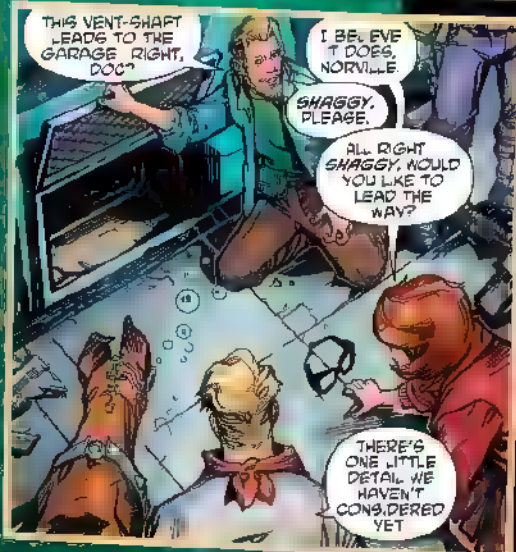
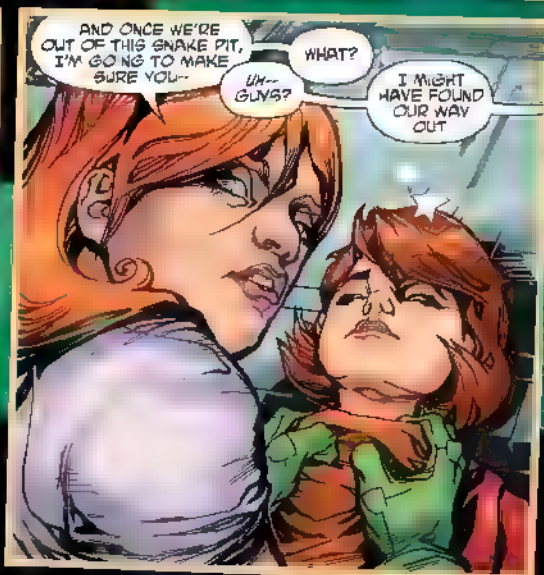
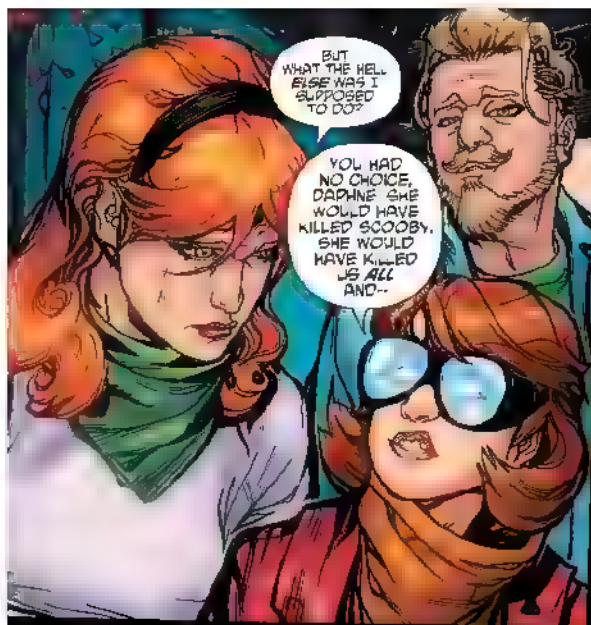






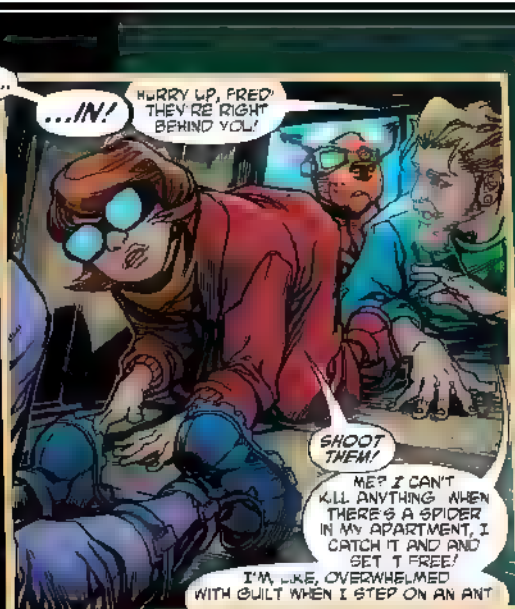








ON THE OTHER HAND...! ...EVERYBODY...



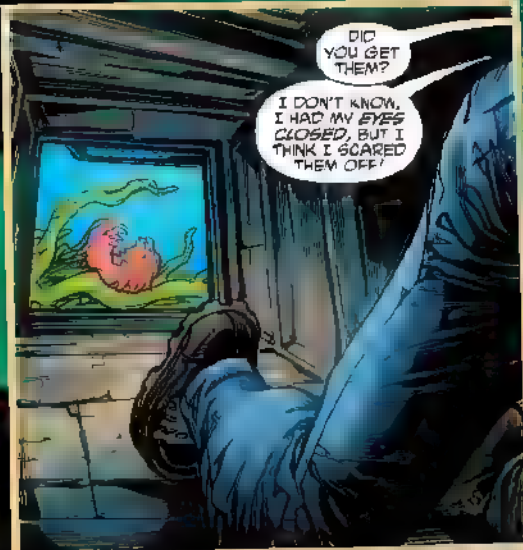
...IN! HURRY UP, FRED! THEY'RE RIGHT BEHIND YOU!

SHOOT THEM!
ME? I CAN'T KILL ANYTHING WHEN THERE'S A SPIDER IN MY APARTMENT. I CATCH IT AND AND GET IT FREE!
I'M LIKE, OVERWHELMED WITH GUILT WHEN I STEP ON AN ANT



OH, FOR CRYING OUT LOUD...
JUST GO!
GO!

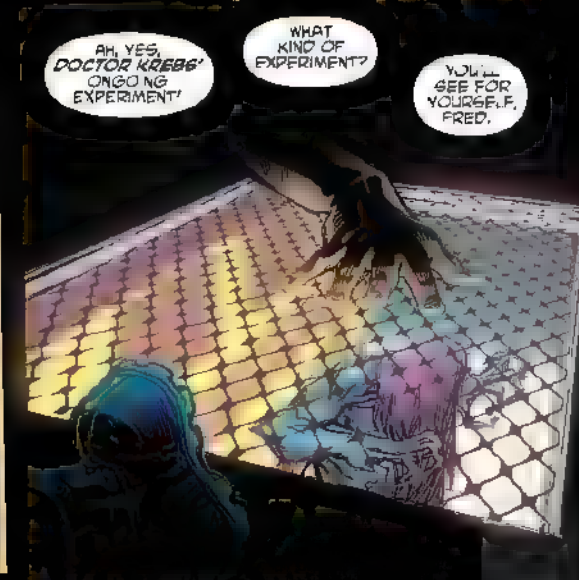
RAHHHHH



DID YOU GET THEM?
I DON'T KNOW, I HAD MY EYES CLOSED, BUT I THINK I SCARED THEM OFF!



YOU WANNA GO BACK AND CHECK, FEEL FREE!
SO, AH, ARE THERE ANY VEHICLES IN THIS GARAGE OF YOURS?
BOUND TO BE AT LEAST ONE



AH, YES, DOCTOR KREBB'S ONGOING EXPERIMENT!
WHAT KIND OF EXPERIMENT?
YOU'LL SEE FOR YOURSELF, FRED.

...IF
WE GET
THERE

ARE
THOSE THINGS
FOLLOWING
US?

I
DON'T HEAR
ANYTHING.

WHICH
WAY FROM HERE,
SHAGSTER?

LEFT--THEN
RIGHT

NOW
CAN YOU BE
SURE?

WHEN
THINGS'RE SLOW
AROUND HERE, SCOOB AN
ME LIKE T'CRAWL INTO THE
VENTS...HAVE A SNACK
AND TAKE A NAP

THAT IS
STRICTLY AGAINST
THE RULES! YOU
COULD BE FIRED
FOR THAT!

HEY, IF YOU
WANNA FIRE ME,
DOC

FEEL
FREE

YOU'VE BEEN
AWFULLY QUIET,
DAPH. YOU
OKAY?

I. I DON'T
KNOW

YOU
HAD TO
DO IT

I KNOW
BUT THAT DOESN'T
MAKE IT ANY LESS
SICKENING.

SIGH! AT
LEAST WE'LL HAVE
ONE HELLUVA STORY
ONCE WE GET OUT OF
HERE. WITH THE NOTES
DOCTOR DINKLEY'S BEEN
KEEPING, WE--

NOTES?

YES. ALL
THE TOP SECRET,
HANDWRITTEN NOTES
YOU HAVE ON YOUR
CLIPBOARD.

C CL BOARD?

WHAT?

I THINK
I... AH... LEFT IT
BACK IN THE SAFE
ZONE

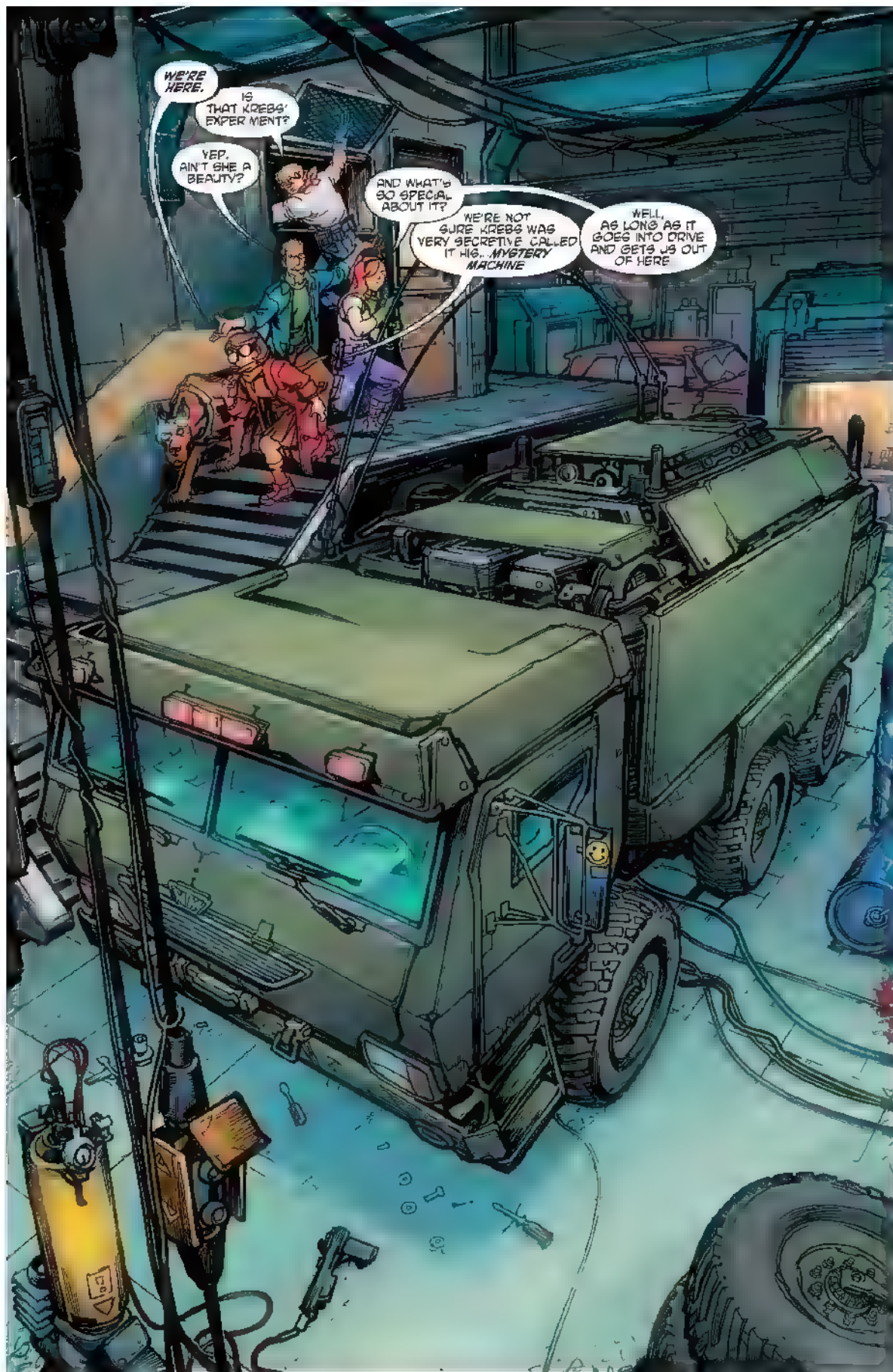
I WAS
EVIDENCE!

NOT TO WORRY
I HAVE AN *eidetic*
MEMORY. I CAN INSTANTLY
RECALL EVERY WORD ON
EVERY PAGE.

AND WE'RE
JUST SUPPOSED TO
BELIEVE WHATEVER
YOU TELL US?

I'M THE
ONE WHO
CALLED YOU,
REMEMBER?
I'M THE ONE
WHO--

OH
WAIT



WE'RE
HERE.

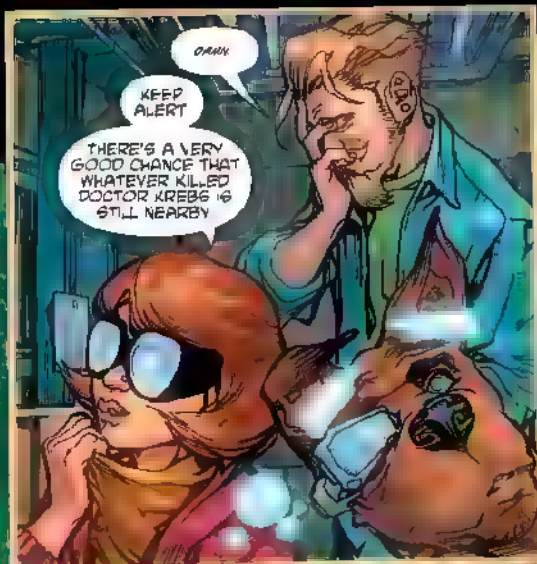
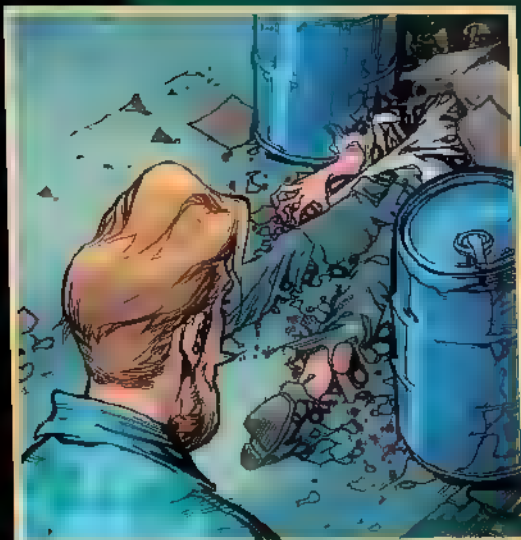
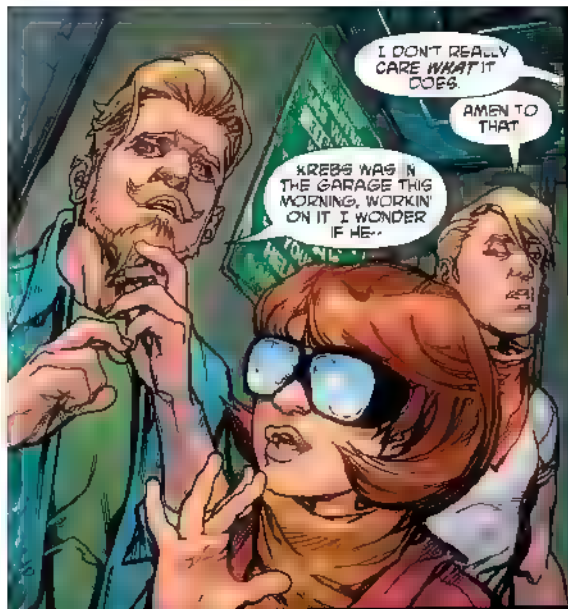
IS
THAT KREBS'
EXPERIMENT?

YEP.
AIN'T SHE A
BEAUTY?

AND WHAT'S
SO SPECIAL
ABOUT IT?

WE'RE NOT
SURE KREBS WAS
VERY SECRETIVE CALLED
IT HIS... MYSTERY
MACHINE

WELL,
AS LONG AS IT
GOES INTO DRIVE
AND GETS US OUT
OF HERE





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